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The Honorable William D. Ford
Chairman
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency concerning H.R. 502, a bill to amend the Federal Property and Administration Services Act (FPASA) of 1949, to prohibit federal officials from monitoring or recording telephone conversations without the consent of all parties. Mr. Casey has asked me to respond on his behalf.

As you may be aware, the CIA provided to you in a letter its views on a bill identical to H.R. 502, which was introduced in the last Congress (H.R. 4620). I am enclosing a copy of that letter, which we have reviewed and determined that our views have not changed. In summary, as currently drafted, the legislation does not affect CIA activities because the Agency is exempt from the underlying provisions of the FPASA that would be amended by the bill. However, the legislation could adversely affect proper and necessary national security activities of other members of the Intelligence Community.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or [redacted] of my Office at [redacted]

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Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

Enclosure

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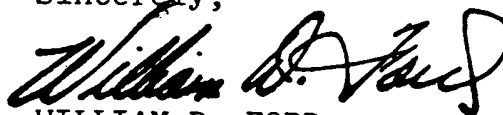
Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed are copies of a bill, H.R. 502,
which has been referred to this Committee for
consideration.

Please furnish the Committee with a report
in triplicate on this proposed legislation as
soon as possible.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM D. FORD
Chairman

99TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 502

To prohibit the recording of conversation made on the Federal telecommunications system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1985

Mr. BROOKS introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Government Operations and Post Office and Civil Service

A BILL

To prohibit the recording of conversation made on the Federal telecommunications system, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Telecommunica-
4 tions Privacy Act of 1985".

5 SEC. 2. Title I of the Federal Property and Administra-
6 tive Services Act of 1949 is amended by adding at the end
7 thereof the following new section:

8 "RECORDING OF CONVERSATIONS ON FEDERAL
9 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

10 "SEC. 113. (a)(1) Except as provided in subsections (b),
11 (c), and (d), no Federal officer or employee shall cause or